

ELEVENTH DAY.

(Monday, January 22, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following
members were present:

Bagby.	McComb.
Baker.	McCoy.
Beard of Harris.	McDowra.
Beard of Milam.	McFarland.
Beasley.	McMillin.
Bedell.	Martin.
Bell.	Meador.
Bertram.	Mendell.
Blackburn.	Metcalfe.
Blackmon.	Miller of Dallas.
Blalock.	Monday.
Bledsoe.	Moore.
Boner.	Morris.
Bryan.	Murrell.
Bryant.	Neeley.
Burton of Rusk.	Neill.
Burton of Tarrant.	Nichols.
Butler.	Nordhaus.
Cadenhead.	O'Banion.
Canales.	Osborne.
Carlock.	Parks.
Cates.	Peddy.
Clark.	Peyton.
Cope.	Pillow.
Cox.	Pope.
Crudgington.	Raiden.
Davis of Dallas.	Reeves.
Davis of Grimes.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Russell.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Estes.	Sentell.
Fairchild.	Schlesinger.
Fisher.	Schlosshan.
Florer.	Scholl.
Greenwood.	Seawright.
Haidusek.	Sholars.
Hardey.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hawkins.	Smith of Scurry.
Hill.	Spencer of Nolan.
Holland.	Spencer of Wise.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Jones.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Templeton.
Laney.	Terrell.
Lange.	Thomason
Lanier.	of El Paso.
Lee.	Thomason
Lowe	of Nacogdoches.
of McMullen.	Thompson
Low	of Hunt.
of Washington.	

Thompson	Veatch.
of Red River.	Walker.
Tillotson.	Williams
Tilson.	of Brazoria.
Tinner.	Williford.
Trayler.	Wilson.
Tschoepe.	Woods.
Valentine.	Woodul.

Absent.

Bland.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Poage.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Fly.	Wahrmund.
Hartman.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Yantis.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C.
Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted
leaves of absence on account of impor-
tant business:

Mr. Pope, for today, on motion of
Mr. Neeley.

Mr. Upchurch and Mr. Thomas, for
today, on motion of Mr. Spencer of
Wise.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for today, on motion
of Mr. Cox.

Mr. White, for today, on motion of
Mr. Dunnam.

Mr. Wahrmund, for today, on motion
of Mr. Schlesinger.

Mr. Brown, for today, on motion of
Mr. Valentine.

Mr. Denton, for today, on motion of
Mr. Lange.

Mr. Beason, for today, on motion of
Mr. Smith of Scurry.

The following members were granted
leaves of absence on account of sick-
ness:

Mr. Miller of Austin and Mr. Linde-
mann, for today, on motion of Mr. Laas.

Mr. Fly, for today, on motion of Mr.
McComb.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. J. H. Davis, Jr., Assistant Secre-
tary to the Governor, appeared at the
bar of the House, and being duly an-
nounced, presented the following mes-
sages from the Governor, which were
read to the House, as follows:

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

Supplementing the itemized list of deficiency appropriations granted by this department for the years 1915 and 1916, prepared in this office on January 11, 1917, I desire also to list the deficiency allowance of six thousand (\$6000) dollars granted by me on September 8, 1915, to supplement the item for support and maintenance in the appropriation made by the Thirty-fourth Legislature for the State Juvenile Training School, with the statement: That on or about September 8, 1915, Hon. M. M. Harris, secretary of the board of trustees of the State Juvenile Training School, made oral application to me for this deficiency allowance for said purpose; that said deficiency was then allowed with the understanding that the application be reduced, subsequently, to writing and presented to me for signature; that said application was subsequently reduced to writing by the said M. M. Harris, but before reaching me for approval was either lost or mislaid, although said deficiency was in truth and in fact duly approved by me; that to insure its formal regularity, M. M. Harris, Secretary, etc., on January 20, 1917, made affidavit to the facts hereinbefore stated, and, accordingly, I entered my approval thereon nunc pro tunc as of date September 8, 1915, covering said deficiency application in the amount named and for the purpose specified, as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

From information furnished me by the Honorable Railroad Commission, it is quite apparent that a very grave and serious condition exists in different parts of the State, occasioned by the unnecessary and needless confiscation by the railroads of coal which had been shipped to consumers in the different localities of the State. It appears that thousands of people are shivering in the cold as a result of this arbitrary use of the power given to the railroads.

I understand that legislation has been introduced into your body to prevent this matter. From the information, which seems quite conclusive, and to relieve immediate and pressing suffering,

I respectfully suggest and request that this legislation be given your early consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolutions, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Nordhaus, Mr. Parks and Mr. Monday:

H. J. R. No. 26, Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, relating to printing, publishing, etc., authorizing the submission to a vote of the people of the State of Texas of a proposed amendment of Section 21, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to printing, publishing, stationery, paper and fuel, and making appropriation therefor.

By Mr. Nordhaus, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Monday:

H. J. R. No. 27, Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing for the levy of a special school tax to provide free text-books in the public schools of the State of Texas; proposing to amend Article 7 of the Constitution by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 16.

By Mr. Meador, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. J. R. No. 28, Proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas by striking out and repealing Section 3 of Article 7 thereof and substituting in lieu of said Section 3 a new Section 3, providing for the maintenance of the public free schools, the erection of school buildings in the State of Texas, fixing the date of an election at which such amendment shall be voted upon, the style of the ballots, and making an appropriation to defray the necessary expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

By Mr. Terrell, Mr. Sentell, Mr. Yantis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Clark and Mr. Templeton:

H. J. R. No. 29, Proposing to amend Sections 2, 24 and 26, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, re-

ducing the number of Representatives, fixing their compensation, and prescribing a basis of apportionment.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Greenwood:

H. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 36, page 359, of Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 15, 1909, entitled 'An Act to validate the Wichita Falls Independent School District,' and for other purposes, by repealing the last clause of Section 10 of said act, which limits the powers and discretion of the board of equalization of said independent school district in the performance of its duties, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Valentine and Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 367, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize commissioners courts, in addition to the powers now granted them, to make appropriations of money to regularly organized relief and charitable associations, for the support of indigents; requiring such associations to make annual reports to said courts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 368, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit L. D. Vieman and others interested in the title to described land to sue the State of Texas for title and to remove cloud from said title to said land, and to determine the issue of vacancy as affecting such land, and providing for the rules of evidence, jurisdiction, venue, procedure, and appeal applicable between individuals, and for service of citation on the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and providing the final decree shall be conclusive of the issues of such suit."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River and Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 369, A bill to be entitled "An Act to impose a per capita tax of one dollar and fifty cents on each and every dog in the State of Texas,

fifty cents of which shall go to the State Highway Commission of Texas to support said department, and one dollar shall go to the road and bridge fund of each county, and shall be apportioned to each precinct where the owner of the dog resides."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4960 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, by requiring a license fee of one dollar and fifty cents to be paid by all persons receiving a certificate of authority to act as agent in soliciting or receiving applications for insurance of any kind; amending Article 689 of the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas, 1911, by prescribing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 371, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 486 and 515, Chapter 5, Title 14, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, relating to the guaranty of deposits in banks, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Beasley:

H. B. No. 372, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring upon the State Revenue Agent power to require the lessees or users of any facility or thing furnished by any person, corporation, receiver, or association, in pursuing any occupation taxed by Chapter 2, Title 126, of the Revised Statutes, 1911, or any amendment or supplement or extension thereof, and to require any person, corporation, receiver, or association interested in, but not pursuing, any occupation so taxed, or interested in the subject of such occupation, to furnish information or sworn reports of information necessary to the enforcement of the payment of any tax levied under such laws, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Moore:

H. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the extension by the Penitentiary Commission of the railroad now owned by the State, ex-

tending from Rusk, in Cherokee county, to Palestine, in Anderson county, to the city of Dallas, in Dallas county, and for its maintenance, equipment and operation; providing for condemning the right of way and material therefor; providing for condemnation proceedings; providing for the issuance of bonds by the Penitentiary Commission in an amount sufficient for the extension of said road; providing that said Penitentiary Commission may accept donations or gifts, either in money or lands or other necessities, for the extension of said road; providing that the rate of interest of said bonds shall be 5 per cent per annum; providing for the redemption of said bonds; providing that said bonds may be purchased at the option of the State Board of Education and State Treasurer with the permanent school fund of the State of Texas; providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have jurisdiction over the traffic carried on and over said road, and authorizing said Commission to compel a fair division of freight and passenger charges between said railroad and all connecting lines therewith; providing that said Penitentiary Commission shall enforce and obey the orders and regulations of the Railroad Commission; providing for working State convicts in the construction of said road, and providing that this act shall be cumulative of all other laws in force in this State, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Boner:

H. B. No. 374, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 11, Title 37 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the stenographic reporters; providing for the appointment of county shorthand reporters; providing for their examination and oath, fixing their compensation and defining their duties; providing for deputy reporters, and for their examination and compensation; requiring semi-annual statement of official reporter; providing for fees to be placed in county general fund; providing for appointment of special reporters and fixing their compensation; providing for taxing stenographer's fee; and providing for reporting and furnishing transcripts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Bedell and Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2811, Chapter 14, Title 48, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, empowering the trustees of any school district upon petition of parents or guardians to require said trustees to establish and maintain free kindergarten for the training of children between the ages of five and seven years, and to provide for trained kindergarten teachers."

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Metcalfe:

H. B. No. 376, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further regulate the conducting of fish hatcheries and the propagation of fish in this State, by amending Article 4000 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State, 1911, as amended by Chapter 146 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, providing for the distribution by State fish hatcheries of fish to private persons; providing that the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner of the State of Texas, as well as the United States Commissioner of Fisheries, or their duly authorized agents, may take or catch fish from the public fresh waters of this State for the purpose of propagation in any manner, according to the United States Commissioner of Fisheries and his duly authorized agents the right to conduct fish hatcheries and fish culture and all operations connected therewith in any manner and at any time that may be by them considered necessary and proper; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Holland and Mr. Swope:

H. B. No. 377, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 121 of the General Laws of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 3881, 3882, 3883, 3887, 3889, 3893, 3897, 3898 and 3903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911,' by amending Article 3897 thereof, relating to expenses allowed certain county officers, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Parks:

H. B. No. 378, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 303, Chapter 2, Title 7, of the Penal Code of

the State of Texas, so as to except from the provisions of Article 302, Chapter 2, Title 7, markets or dealers in provisions, the sale of burial or shrouding material, newspapers, ice, ice cream, milk, sending of telegraph or telephone messages, keepers of drug stores, hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, livery stables, bothouses, ice dealers, telegraph or telephone offices, and theaters in cities of over five thousand inhabitants, and granting to such cities the power to regulate and prohibit theaters."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Dudley:

H. B. No. 379, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2938 of Chapter 4, of Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to repeal that part thereof which disqualifies soldiers, marines and seamen from voting."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Boner, Mr. Thompson of Red River, Mr. Scholl, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Stewart:

H. B. No. 380, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7491, Chapter 10, Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to authorize the Comptroller to appoint and contract with persons to collect inheritance taxes."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6006, 6007 and 6010, Title 97, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for a notarial seal, the disposition of same upon vacating office and what seal shall contain, administering oaths, taking acknowledgments and giving certificates therefor, by notaries public."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. McCoy and Mr. McDowra:

H. B. No. 382, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the recording of criminal bail bonds in criminal actions pending in the district and county courts, by the clerks thereof, and providing a penalty for neglect thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Peyton:

H. B. No. 383, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm the title to the South League of a two-league grant to Jose Antonio Sepulveda, in Trinity county, abandoning all claims of the State of Texas to said land, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Nichols, Mr. McMillin and Mr. Florer:

H. B. No. 384, A bill to be entitled "An Act to confer upon the Railroad Commission of Texas authority to require the separation of grades at crossings of steam railways over streets and alleys of all cities, towns and villages in the State of Texas, whether incorporated under the general law or by special acts of the Legislature, and over all public roads in said State, and to require separation of grades at all crossings of interurban railways with steam railways whenever the public interest requires, to determine the nature and character of such crossing, and to determine and assign the proportion of the expense thereof to be borne by any steam railway, interurban railway, county, city, town or village, providing for notice, hearing and judgment therein and authorizing the issuance of improvement bonds by steam railways to constitute a lien upon the property of such railway, to procure means for such work, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 385, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2311 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that suit may be brought before either of two or more justices of the peace in any incorporated city or town, but the jurisdiction of such justice of the peace shall not extend beyond his precinct."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Holland (by request):

H. B. No. 386, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2767 and 2768, of Title 48, Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the treasurers of the school funds, fixing a compensation, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Jones and Mr. Dodd (by request):

H. B. No. 387, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1063, Chapter 8, Title 15, Penal Code, revision of 1911, relating to the offense of rape, so as to raise the age of consent from fifteen to eighteen years."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Pillow:

H. B. No. 388, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 26, of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, State of Texas, more clearly defining some of the duties of the Attorney General, district and county attorneys of this State, and imposing other and additional duties upon such officers, and prohibiting the Attorney General from giving counsel and advice except to certain public officers named, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 389, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1210, Chapter 1, Title 17, of the Penal Code of Texas, relating to the offense 'arson.'"

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 390, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1220, Chapter 2, Title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the offense of arson."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Swope, Mr. Mendell and Mr. Sackett:

H. B. No. 391, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 475, Title 9, Chapter 4, Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the carrying of arms; and providing that a certain fee, in addition to all other fees allowed and provided by law, shall be taxed against any person convicted of such offense, and paid to the peace officer making the arrest; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Beard of Harris:

H. B. No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1533, of Chap-

ter 16, of the Revised Criminal Statutes, 1911, so as to permit steam railroad companies, the receivers or lessees thereof, or persons operating the same, to grant free passes or transportation to the widows of all employes who have died in services of said company."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. De Bogory:

H. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 42, of Article 30, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for the holding of four terms of district court in Taylor and Eastland counties, changing the time of holding court in Stephens, Callahan and Shackelford counties, and reducing the terms of court in Stephens county from four to three weeks each."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Carlock:

H. B. No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1639, Chapter 10, Title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to expedite the business of the Courts of Civil Appeals; and to relieve them from the performance of unnecessary labor; and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 395, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3837, and to repeal Article 3838, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the fees to be paid to the Secretary of State by mutual building and loan companies, or either, and foreign corporations, and repealing so much thereof as may be in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 396, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, providing that property on which liens are given shall not be set aside as exempt property or appropriated to make up allowances in lieu of exempt property until the debts secured by such lien have been discharged, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Blalock (by request):

H. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1460, of Title 29, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the appointment of a county auditor in all counties of this State having a population of 15,000 inhabitants, or over, and in counties having less than 15,000 inhabitants, by providing that two or more of such counties can combine for the purpose of having a county auditor appointed."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Veatch, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Tinner, Mr. Dunnam, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Raiden, Mr. Tilson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neill and Mr. Trayler:

H. B. No. 398, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2754, Chapter 12, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, for 1911, relating to attendance by teachers upon county institutes."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Tinner:

H. B. No. 399, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 303, Revised Penal Code of Texas, 1911, providing limitations and exceptions upon and to the provisions of Article 302, Revised Penal Code, 1911, relating to selling, etc., on Sunday, so as to exempt from the provisions of Article 302, Penal Code, 1911, the selling, etc., of gasoline, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Tinner:

H. B. No. 400, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 103 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, with reference to the board of managers for the Confederate Woman's Home."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Boner, Mr. Veatch and Mr. Stewart:

H. B. No. 401, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the giving away or sale of cigarettes, cigarette paper or substitute therefor or any substance out of which cigarettes are made; prohibiting public exhibition of certain notices and

signs referring to cigarettes; prohibiting smoking of cigarettes in certain public places; fixing occupation tax on dealers of cigarettes, and providing for license; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Jones and Mr. Dodd:

H. B. No. 402, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish three State normal colleges; providing for the location of same by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, and for the control of same, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Boner:

H. B. No. 403, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 357 and 4420 and Articles 358 and 4422 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the purchase of property for the State when sold by virtue of a judgment in favor of the State, and relating to the sale by the State of such property so purchased, so as to authorize the agent or attorney representing the State to buy for the State any property sold by virtue of executions or orders of sale upon the judgments in favor of the State or under deeds of trust or mortgages for the benefit of the State, and authorizing such agent or attorney, with the consent and advice of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to sell such property so purchased, and providing for conveyances of the same and for payment of the proceeds into the State Treasury, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Robertson, Mr. Templeton, Mr. Carlock, Mr. Blalock and Mr. Woodul:

H. B. No. 404, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Texas to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness secured by a lien on the income of its property; prescribing the contents and effect thereof; providing for the purpose for which the money so secured may be used; providing for suit to test validity thereof and that decision therein shall be res adjudicata, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 405, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal college, to be located at Nacogdoches, in Nacogdoches county, Texas, to be known as the 'East Texas State Normal College,' and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bertram, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lee and Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 406, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2753 and 2754, of Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911; providing that county institute shall be held the first week in September of every scholastic year; and further providing that teachers who attend the county institute shall not receive any pay for their time while in attendance on the session of the institute."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bryant, Mr. O'Banion, Mr. Neeley, Mr. Butler, Mr. Woodul, Mr. Tschoepe, Mr. Tinner, Mr. Swope, Mr. Canales, Mr. Jones and Mr. Cope:

H. B. No. 407, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Librarian and Archivist and Historian of the State Library to purchase for the State of Texas for the purpose of placing in the Archive and History department of the State Library, the literary remains of Sam Houston, consisting of letters, documents, relics, etc., written and collected by Sam Houston, and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 408, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction; designating the counties to be affected thereby; prescribing the date and manner of the election of the County Superintendent; fixing the term of office, providing that no present commissions shall be impaired by the provisions of this Act; prescribing the manner of establishing the office in counties where the office has not yet been created; defining the duties of commissioners court with reference to said office, specifying the qualifications of the county superintendent; prescribing the oath, and fixing the bond of said officer; providing the manner of his removal from office, and stating the duties of the county school trustees with

reference thereto; prescribing the manner of making the pro rata distribution of the State and county available school fund; establishing a scale of salaries; authorizing the county school trustees to provide necessary supervisory help; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to construct and complete necessary buildings for the new Texas School for the Blind, and to build necessary fences, walks and drives, and to beautify the grounds, and to furnish all necessary apparatus, equipment and furniture, and to pay the expenses of moving in order to have the said school ready for occupancy, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Lamar county or any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined district, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of construction, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, and all other special road laws for Lamar county, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Llano county, Texas, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent

ent of public highways and bridges by the commissioners court, and the fixing of the term of office and salary, and defining his duties."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, House bill No. 267 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, House bill No. 246 was withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Woodul, House bill No. 233 was withdrawn from the Committee on State Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

On motion of Mr. Woodul, House bill No. 341 was withdrawn from the Committee on State Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, House bill No. 320 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, House bill No. 332 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Templeton it was ordered that House bill No. 358 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins it was ordered that House bill No. 299 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bertram it was ordered that House bill No. 271 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Nichols it was ordered that House bill No. 57 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that House bill No. 299 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Cadenhead it was ordered that House bill No. 230 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam it was ordered that House bill No. 49 be not printed.

ADDITIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEES.

On motion of Mr. Terrell, by unanimous consent, Mr. De Bogory and Mr. Burton of Tarrant were added to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

On motion of Mr. Woodul, by unanimous consent, Mr. Monday was added to the Committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, by unanimous consent, Mr. Lange was added to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria, by unanimous consent, Mr. Clark was added to the Committee on Common Carriers.

On motion of Mr. Bell, by unanimous consent, Mr. Lee was added to the Committee on Agriculture.

RELATING TO NAVAL ARMOR PLATE PLANT.

Mr. Hill offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 4, Relating to location in East Texas of a naval armor plate plant:

Whereas, It is a well-known fact that that section of the State known as East Texas abounds in the finest quality of brown hematite iron ore; and

Whereas, The Federal government of the United States proposes to erect an armor plate plant somewhere in this section of the country; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the Senate concurring, That we call the attention of the Secretary of the Navy to the many advantages offered by East Texas for a location of such armor plate plant.

Be it further resolved, That the Representatives from Texas in the National Congress are hereby requested to use all means within their power to bring to the attention of the proper authorities the wonderful resources of East Texas and the great advantage in locating said armor plate plant at some point in this section of the State.

Be it further resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward to the Secretary of the Navy a copy of this resolution and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby instructed to send a copy to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Signed—Hill, Terrell, O'Banion, Thomson of Nacogdoches, Fairchild, Lee, Metcalfe.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY PAGE.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Harold Hamlett be allowed pay for one week as temporary page.

Signed—Mendell, McFarland, Monday.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

THANKING POSTMASTER JOHNSON.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Honorable Jefferson Johnson, postmaster at Austin, has promptly complied with the request of the House to have the mail distributed on Sundays, be it

Resolved, That the House cordially expresses to Colonel Johnson our thanks and appreciation for the prompt granting of our request, which adds so much to our comfort and convenience.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

DISCONTINUING BELL CALL SYSTEM.

Mr. Blalock offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The bell system provided for the calling of pages is a source of much annoyance to those members seated in the rear of the House, and

Whereas, It takes a half day for anyone else to call a page by the bell, be it

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at Arms be directed to abandon this system and to arrange the pages in the aisles of the House as of old.

Signed—Blalock, Spencer of Wise, Rogers, Peddy, Canales, Jones, Thompson of Red River.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

CONGRATULATING SENATOR ROBBINS.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The brilliant young Senator Robbins has been successful in consummating a union for life with a most beautiful and accomplished young lady; be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives extends to Senator Robbins and wife our most sincere and heart-

felt congratulations. May he and his bride live long and prosper, and "may his tribe increase."

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

TENDERING USE OF THE HALL.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The executive committee of the Texas State Teachers' Association, representing approximately thirty thousand school teachers of the State, convenes in Austin, Thursday, January 25, 1917;

Whereas, It has been the custom during the past to grant said executive committee the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to present in open meeting to the education committees of the House and Senate the recommendations of the State Teachers' Association; and

Whereas, Application is now made by said executive committee, through its chairman, for the use of said Hall by said committee in presenting its recommendations on Thursday, January 25, 1917; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said executive committee of the Texas State Teachers' Association, together with the joint committees on education of the Texas Legislature, are hereby granted the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives for Thursday evening, January 25, 1917, and it is so ordered.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 2. To amend Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

The resolution was read third time. Question—Shall the resolution be passed?

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out the enacting clause.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the resolution, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—84.

Bagby.	Martin.
Baker.	Mendell.
Beard of Harris.	Monday.
Beasley.	Moore.
Bedell.	Murrell.
Bell.	Neeley.
Bertram.	Neill.
Blackburn.	O'Banion.
Blalock.	Peddy.
Boner.	Peyton.
Bryant.	Pillow.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Butler.	Raiden.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Canales.	Richards.
Carlock.	Rogers.
Cates.	Russell.
Clark.	Sallas.
Cope.	Sentell.
Cox.	Schlesinger.
Crudgington.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Grimes.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Spencer of Wise.
Haidusek.	Swope.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Harris.	Thomason
Hawkins.	of El Paso.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Tinner.
Lee.	Trayler.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCoy.	Walker.
McFarland.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.

Nays—35.

Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Blackmon.	Nordhaus.
Bledsoe.	Osborne.
Bryan.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis	Sackett.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Stewart.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Holland.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thompson
Laney.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Tilson.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Dallas.	Woods.
Morris.	Woodul.

Absent.

Bland.	Low
Brown.	of Washington.
De Bogory.	Spradley.
Hill.	
Absent—Excused.	
Beason.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Fly.	Wahrmund.
Hartman.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Yantis.
Poage.	

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5
ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. J. R. No. 5, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 58, providing for the compensation of public officials.

The resolution was read third time. Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by inserting next after the word "election" in line 23, on page 1, Section 2, the words, "for State and county officers."

The amendment was adopted.

Question—Shall the resolution be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—107.

Mr. Speaker.	Crudgington.
Baker.	Davis of Dallas.
Beard of Harris.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Milam.	Davis
Beasley.	of Van Zandt.
Bedell.	De Bogory.
Bell.	Dodd.
Blackmon.	Dudley.
Blalock.	Dunnam.
Bledsoe.	Estes.
Boner.	Fisher.
Bryan.	Florer.
Bryant.	Greenwood.
Burton of Rusk.	Haidusek.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hardey.
Butler.	Harris.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.
Canales.	Holland.
Carlock.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnson.
Cope.	Jones.
Cox.	Laas.

Lacey.	Schlosshan.
Laney.	Seawright.
Lange.	Sholars.
Lanier.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lee.	Smith of Hopkins.
McComb.	Smith of Scurry.
McCoy.	Spencer of Nolan.
McMillin.	Spencer of Wise.
Martin.	Spradley.
Meador.	Stewart.
Mendell.	Swope.
Metcalf.	Taylor.
Miller of Dallas.	Templeton.
Monday.	Thomason
Moore.	of El Paso.
Morris.	Thomason
Neeley.	of Nacogdoches.
Neill.	Thompson
Nichols.	of Hunt.
O'Banion.	Thompson
Osborne.	of Red River.
Parks.	Tillotson.
Peddy.	Tilson.
Peyton.	Tinner.
Pope.	Trayler.
Raiden.	Tschoepe.
Reeves.	Valentine.
Richards.	Veatch.
Robertson.	Walker.
Roemer.	Williams
Rogers.	of Brazoria.
Russell.	Williford.
Sackett.	Wilson.
Sallas.	Woods.
Sentell.	

Nays—13.

Bagby.	McDowra.
Bertram.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	Murrell.
Fairchild.	Nordhaus.
Lowe	Schlesinger.
of McMullen.	Scholl.
Low	Woodul.
of Washington.	

Absent.

Bland.	Pillow.
Cates.	Terrell.
Hill.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Poage.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Fly.	Wahrmund.
Hartman.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Yantis.

Mr. Butler moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 61 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto county, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—119.

Mr. Speaker.	Laney.
Bagby.	Lange.
Baker.	Lanier.
Beard of Harris.	Lee.
Beard of Milam.	Lowe
Beasley.	of McMullen.
Bedell.	Low
Bell.	of Washington.
Bertram.	McComb.
Blackburn.	McCoy.
Blackmon.	McDowra.
Blalock.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Boner.	Martin.
Bryan.	Meador.
Bryant.	Mendell.
Burton of Rusk.	Metcalf.
Burton of Tarrant.	Miller of Dallas.
Butler.	Monday.
Cadenhead.	Moore.
Canales.	Morris.
Carlock.	Murrell.
Cates.	Neeley.
Clark.	Neill.
Cope.	Nichols.
Cox.	Nordhaus.
Crudgington.	O'Banion.
Davis of Dallas.	Osborne.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
Davis	Peddy.
of Van Zandt.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Pope.
Dodd.	Raiden.
Dudley.	Reeves.
Dunnam.	Richards.
Estes.	Robertson.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Fisher.	Rogers.
Florer.	Russell.
Greenwood.	Sackett.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Sentell.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hawkins.	Schlosshan.
Hill.	Scholl.
Johnson.	Seawright.
Jones.	Sholars.
Laas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lacey.	Smith of Hopkins.

Smith of Scurry.	Tillotson.
Spencer of Nolan.	Tilson.
Spencer of Wise.	Finner.
Spradley.	Tschoepe.
Stewart.	Valentine.
Swope.	Veatch.
Taylor.	Walker.
Terrell.	Williams
Thomason	of Brazoria.
of El Paso.	Williford.
Thomason	Wilson.
of Nacogdoches.	Woods.
Thompson	Woodul.
of Hunt.	
Thompson	
of Red River.	

Present—Not Voting.

Traylor.

Absent.

Bland.	Pillow.
Holland.	Templeton.
Hudspeth.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Poage.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Fly.	Wahrmund.
Hartman.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Yantis.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6
ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 6, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 7 of Section 14 thereof, by repealing the provisions that prohibit the levy of the tax and appropriation of money out of the general revenue for the establishment and erection of the buildings of the University of Texas; fixing date of election hereunder, and making appropriation to pay expenses thereof.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by inserting next after the word "election," in line 25, in Section 2, on page 1, the words, "for State and county officers."

The amendment was adopted.

(Mr. Burton of Tarrant in the chair.)

Mr. Tillotson moved to postpone fur-

ther consideration of the resolution indefinitely.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to postpone indefinitely was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—58.

Bagby.	Meador.
Baker.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Monday.
Bertram.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Morris.
Bryan.	Murrell.
Canales.	Neill.
Cates.	Nichols.
Cox.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	Peyton.
Dodd.	Raiden.
Dunnam.	Russell.
Fairchild.	Sallas.
Fisher.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Seawright.
Hill.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Scurry.
Laas.	Stewart.
Lacey.	Taylor.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lee.	Tilson.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
Low	Veatch.
of Washington.	Walker.
McComb.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McFarland.	Woodul.
McMillin.	

Nays—61.

Beard of Harris.	Johnson.
Beard of Milam.	Jones.
Bedell.	Laney.
Blackburn.	Lanier.
Blackmon.	Martin.
Blalock.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalfe.
Bryant.	Neeley.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Banion.
Burton of Tarrant.	Osborne.
Butler.	Parks.
Cadenhead.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Clark.	Pope.
Cope.	Richards.
Crudginton.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis	Rogers.
of Van Zandt.	Sackett.
De Bogory.	Sentell.
Dudley.	Schlosshan.
Estes.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Bastrop.
Haidusek.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Holland.	Spradley.

Swope.	Thompson
Templeton.	of Hunt.
Terrell.	Thompson
Thomason	of Red River.
of El Paso.	Trayler.
Thomason	Valentine.
of Nacogdoches.	Woods.

Absent.

Bell.	Reeves.
Bland.	Wilson.
Florer.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Poage.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Fly.	Wahrmund.
Hartman.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Yantis.

Mr. Tillotson moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution until tomorrow.

The motion to postpone prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1874 and Article 1875, Chapter 6, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to citations by publication against a defendant who is a non-resident of the State, or who is absent from the State, or who is a transient person, or whose residence is unknown or who is the unknown heir of a deceased person."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by inserting "or to the stockholders of any defunct corporation" in line 35, page 1, following the word "person," and by inserting "or unknown stockholders of such corporation" in line 38, at the end thereof, on page 1, following the word "him," and by inserting the words "or stockholders" in line 1 on page 2, following the word "heirs," and by inserting the words "or stockholders" in line 2, on page 2, following the word "heirs."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 11 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 13, Proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem county tax not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem district tax not to exceed \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 16, Proposing to amend Section 1, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the Legislature to exempt cotton and woollen factories from State taxes for a period of time not to exceed fifteen years, and authorizing counties, cities and towns to exempt any factory or factories from county or municipal taxes for a period of time not exceeding fifteen years, by a majority vote of the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county, city or town.

The resolution was read second time, and the House refused to pass the resolution to engrossment.

Mr. Boner moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the resolution to engrossment.

Mr. Rogers moved to table the motion to reconsider, and the motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17
ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 17, Proposing to amend Section 1, Article 9, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to taxation.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Terrell offered the following (committee) amendment to the resolution:

Amend Section 2, line 37, by striking out the words "last Saturday in July, 1917," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "at the next general election in November, 1918."

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Murrell offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 17 by striking out the enacting clause.

Signed—Murrell, Bryan.

Mr. Spradley moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the passage of the resolution to engrossment, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment striking out the enacting clause of the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—51.

Bagby.	Mendell.
Beard of Harris.	Metcalfe.
Beard of Milam.	Monday.
Beasley.	Moore.
Blackburn.	Morris.
Bland.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Raiden.
Cates.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Roemer.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Fisher.	Schlosshan.
Fly.	Seawright.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Hardey.	of El Paso.
Holland.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Red River.
Low	Tillotson.
of Washington.	Tilson.
McComb.	Tschoepe.
McFarland.	Veatch.
McMillin.	Woods.
Martin.	Woodul.

Nays—68.

Baker.	Neeley.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nichols.
Blackmon.	O'Banion.
Blalock.	Osborne.
Boner.	Parks.
Bryant.	Peddy.
Burton of Rusk.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Reeves.
Butler.	Richards.
Cadenhead.	Rogers.
Clark.	Sackett.
Cope.	Sentell.
Cox.	Schlesinger.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Davis	Sholars.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Bastrop.
De Bogory.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.
Dunnam.	Spencer of Nolan.
Estes.	Spencer of Wise.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Florer.	Swope.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hawkins.	Templeton.
Hill.	Terrell.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Tinner.
Lacey.	Traylor.
Laney.	Walker.
Lee.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
Meador.	Wilson.
Miller of Dallas.	

Absent.

Bell.	Lange.
Davis of Grimes.	Russell.
Johnson.	Valentine.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Thomas.
Denton.	Upchurch.
Fitzpatrick.	Wahrmund.
Hartman.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	Yantis.
Poage.	

Question next recurring on the amendment by Mr. Terrell, it was adopted.

House Joint Resolution No. 17 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Boner moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 133, to Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 152, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 154, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Beard of Harris moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Blalock moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Beard of Harris prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 5:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 135, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Veatch has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred House bill No. 13, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

METCALFE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 21, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 222, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blackburn has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 32, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 327, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to

whom was referred House bill No. 270, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 190, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Woods has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 344, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Templeton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 335, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE REFORMS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred House bill No. 339, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Dun-

nam has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FLORER, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 199, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 185, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Jones has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 179, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence to whom was referred House bill No. 104, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal

Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 71, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 23, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 204, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 168, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 175, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 165, have had the same

under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 195, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Parks has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 196, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williford has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 187, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 8, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Raiden has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 181, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. Spencer of Nolan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 345, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BAKER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 337, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Swope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BAKER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 100, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Metcalfe has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Swope and Mr. Pillow serve notice of minority report.

BAKER, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 70, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 64, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 63, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 127, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fairchild has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and
Stock Raising, to whom was referred
House bill No. 250, have had the same
under consideration and I am instructed
to report it back to the House with the
recommendation that it do pass with
amendments. Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Martin
and Mr. Bryant have been appointed to
make a full report thereon.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and
Stock Raising, to whom was referred
House bill No. 48, have had the same
under consideration and I am instructed
to report it back to the House with the
recommendation that it do pass with
amendments. Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Bryan
and Mr. Neill have been appointed to
make a full report thereon.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON RE- FORMS IN CRIMINAL PRO- CEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-
ferred House bill No. 225, have had the
same under consideration, and I am in-
structed to report it back to the House
with the recommendation that it do not
pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-
ferred House bill No. 306, have had the
same under consideration, and I am in-
structed to report it back to the House
with the recommendation that it do not
pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-
ferred House bill No. 93, have had the
same under consideration, and I am in-
structed to report it back to the House
with the recommendation that it do not
pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-
ferred House bill No. 96, have had the
same under consideration, and I am in-
structed to report it back to the House
with the recommendation that it do
pass. Mr. Pope has been appointed to
make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-
ferred House bill No. 186, have had the
same under consideration, and I am in-
structed to report it back to the House
with the recommendation that it do
pass. Mr. Schlosshan has been ap-
pointed to make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-
ferred House bill No. 220, have had the
same under consideration, and I am in-
structed to report it back to the House
with the recommendation that it do
pass. Mr. Pope has been appointed to
make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Criminal Procedure, to whom was re-

ferred House bill No. 290, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Pope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 178, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Holland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 189, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Neeley has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 231, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Neeley has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 299, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report

it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 262, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 112, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 358, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 296, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bedell has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 172,

have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 54, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Burton of Rusk has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 167, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Burton of Tarrant has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 97, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. O'Banion has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 139, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Nordhaus has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred House bill No. 364, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Davis of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BURTON of Tarrant, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 89, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Burton of Tarrant has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 265, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 352, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Veatch has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 264, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spencer of Wise has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Crudgington gave notice of a minority report.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Dunnam has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Crudgington gave notice of a minority report.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 4, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 15, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Peddy has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 9, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blackmon has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 21, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 18, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Freeport Independent School District, in Brazoria county, Texas; defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 35 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 35, providing for the government thereof as under

the general laws applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Brazoria Independent School District, in Brazoria county, Texas; defining and describing it by metes and bounds; providing for election of trustees therefor; providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 21 in said county; vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 21; providing for the government thereof as under the general law applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto county, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 5, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 58, providing for the compensation of public officials,

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 2, To amend Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution,

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Odem Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 7 in San Patricio county, Texas; including within its limits the town of Odem and defining its boundaries; and providing for the creating of trustees thereof and conferring upon the board of trustees practically plenary powers; providing for a board of equalization, and prescribing the duties and authorities thereof and further prescribing the duties, authority and limitation of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue or issues of bonds heretofore voted; giving the county board of trustees concurrent jurisdiction with the Legislature in changing the boundary lines of said district; making all changes in districts affected by this act; prescribing the time when this act shall become effective, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Lamar county or any political subdivision

or defined district of said county by a two-thirds vote of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds in any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined district, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and all other special road laws for Lamar county, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

TWELFTH DAY.

(Tuesday, January 23, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Cope.
Baker.	Cox.
Beard of Harris.	Crudgington.
Beard of Milam.	Davis of Dallas.
Beasley.	Davis of Grimes.
Beason.	Davis
Bedell.	of Van Zandt.
Bell.	De Bogory.
Bertram.	Dodd.
Blackburn.	Dudley.
Blackmon.	Dunnam.
Blalock.	Estes.
Bland.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Fisher.
Boner.	Fitzpatrick.
Brown.	Florer.
Bryan.	Fly.
Bryant.	Greenwood.
Burton of Rusk.	Haidusek.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hardey.
Butler.	Harris.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.
Canales.	Hill.
Carlock.	Holland.
Cates.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnson.

Jones.	Rogers.
Laas.	Russell.
Lacey.	Sackett.
Laney.	Sallas.
Lange.	Sentell.
Lanier.	Schlesinger.
Lee.	Schlosshan.
Lindemann.	Scholl.
Lowe.	Seawright.
of McMullen.	Sholars.
Low	Smith of Bastrop.
of Washington.	Smith of Hopkins.
McComb.	Smith of Scurry.
McCoy.	Spencer of Nolan.
McDowra.	Spencer of Wise.
McFarland.	Spradley.
McMillin.	Stewart.
Martin.	Swope.
Meador.	Taylor.
Mendell.	Templeton.
Metcalfe.	Thomason.
Miller of Austin.	of El Paso.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Monday.	of Nacogdoches.
Moore.	Thompson
Morris.	of Hunt.
Murrell.	Thompson
Neeley.	of Red River.
Neill.	Tillotson.
Nichols.	Tilson.
Nordhaus.	Tinner.
O'Banion.	Trayler.
O'Brien.	Tschoepe.
Osborne.	Valentine.
Parks.	Veatch.
Peddy.	Wahrmond.
Peyton.	Walker.
Pillow.	White.
Poage.	Williams
Pope.	of Brazoria.
Raiden.	Williford.
Reeves.	Wilson.
Richards.	Woods.
Robertson.	Woodul.
Roemer.	

Absent—Excused.

Denton.	Upchurch.
Hartman.	Williams
Strayhorn.	of McLennan.
Terrell.	Yantis.
Thomas.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Upchurch, for today, on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Thomas, for today, on motion of Mr. Spencer of Wise.